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High-level political signing conference for the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 53/111 of 9 December 1998, in which it decided to establish an open-ended intergovernmental ad hoc committee for the purpose of elaborating a comprehensive international convention against transnational organized crime and discussing the elaboration, as appropriate, of international instruments addressing trafficking in women and children, combating the illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition, and illegal trafficking in and transporting of migrants, including by sea,

Taking note of its resolution 54/ , by which it requested the ad hoc committee to schedule sufficient time, subject to the availability of funds, for the negotiation of the draft protocols addressing trafficking in persons, especially women and children, the illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition, and illegal trafficking in and transporting of migrants, including by sea, in order to enhance the possibility of their completion at the same time as the main convention,

Acknowledging the progress made thus far by the ad hoc committee towards the goal of completing negotiations in the year 2000,

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Mindful that substantive negotiations of the convention and protocols continue in Vienna, where delegations have support from their missions and where it is logistically easier for the Secretariat,

Recognizing the historic and symbolic importance of associating the first international convention against transnational organized crime with the city of Palermo, Italy,

1. *Decides* that the negotiations of the text of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and three protocols shall be completed in Vienna prior to the high-level political signing conference;

2. *Also decides* to move the signing ceremony for the convention and three protocols from the Millennium Assembly to a high-level political signing conference in Palermo;

3. *Accepts with appreciation* the offer of the Government of Italy to host a high-level political signing conference in Palermo for the purpose of signing the convention and three protocols;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to schedule the conference in Palermo for no longer than one week before the end of the Millennium Assembly in 2000, in accordance with paragraph 17 of its resolution 47/202 of 22 December 1992;

5. *Requests* the United Nations Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention of the Secretariat to work with the Government of Italy to set the agenda for the high-level political signing conference, including opportunities for high-level delegates to discuss matters related to the convention and three protocols, in particular the follow-up activities, for their effective implementation and future work;

6. *Encourages* participation at the high-level political conference at the highest levels of government.